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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants submit the following references which applicants believe may be material to the above-identified patent application. A copy of the references which applicants wish to make of record in this case is enclosed herein for the Examiner's convenience along with a listing on Form PTO-1449 attached.

1. U.S. Patent 5,985,123, issued November 16, 1999 to Koon;

2. U.S. Patent 5,776,327, issued July 7, 1998 to Botts, et al.;

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3.   U.S. Patent No. 5,281,325, issued January 25, 1994 to Berg; and

4.   U.S. Patent No. 4,304,641, issued December 8, 1981 to Grandia, et al.

Submitted with Japanese Patent No. JP 1-147627 is an English language abstract.

All other references listed on Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, thus, a concise

explanation of those references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) is not necessary.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the filing of this

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